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Prosecution in this application was suspended by the letter mailed February 12, 2003 (Paper no. 33). That suspension expired August 12, 2003.

The outcome of a potential interference involving an application related to the present application has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims in this application. Therefore, once again, prosecution in this application is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Upon expiration of the period of suspension, Applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Wyszomierski whose telephone number is (703) 308-2531. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Roy King, can be reached on (703) 308-1146. Effective October 1, 2003, all patent application related correspondence transmitted by facsimile must be directed to the central facsimile number, (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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